

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 631

H. P. 490

House of Representatives, February 5, 1971

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Winslow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Providing for Records of Sales of Used Merchandise.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 15, § 456, additional. Title 15 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 456 to read as follows:

§ 456. Record of sales of used merchandise

No dealer in used personal property shall buy any personal property from any person without first recording in a book kept for the purpose a description of said personal property and the name and address of the seller of such property. Said record shall be made before said sale is completed and shall be open to the inspection of any law enforcement officer or prosecuting attorney. Any dealer who fails to keep such record or refuses to show the same to any law enforcement officer or prosecuting attorney shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500. Whoever gives a false or fictitious name to said dealer shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. This section shall not apply to dealers who sell to other dealers.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to develop a record of ownership to pursue persons involved in crimes of stolen property.